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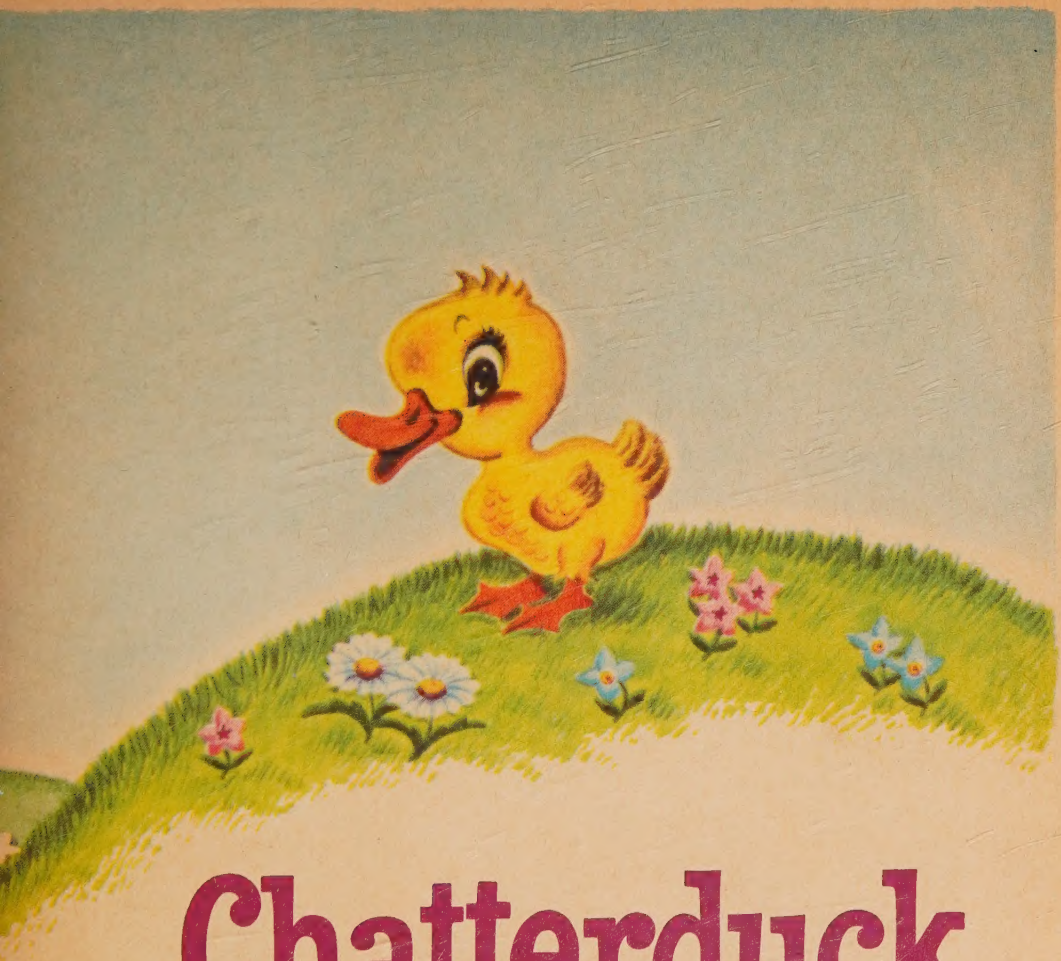

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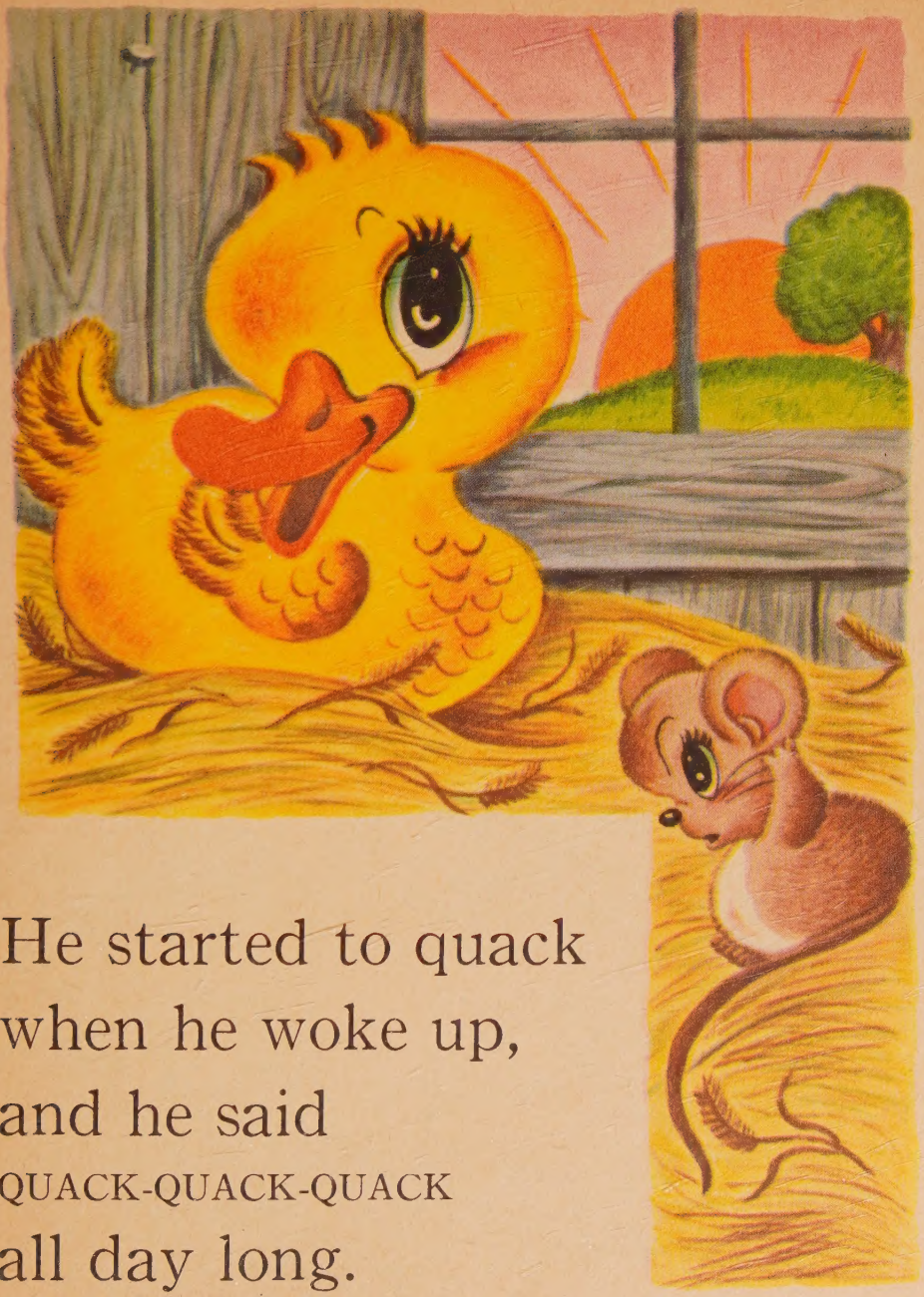
Cats say MEE-OW—
Dogs say BOW-WOW—
Cows say MOO-OO—
And ducks say QUACK!

But little Chatterduck said
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK!
Chatterduck just loved
to hear himself talk.

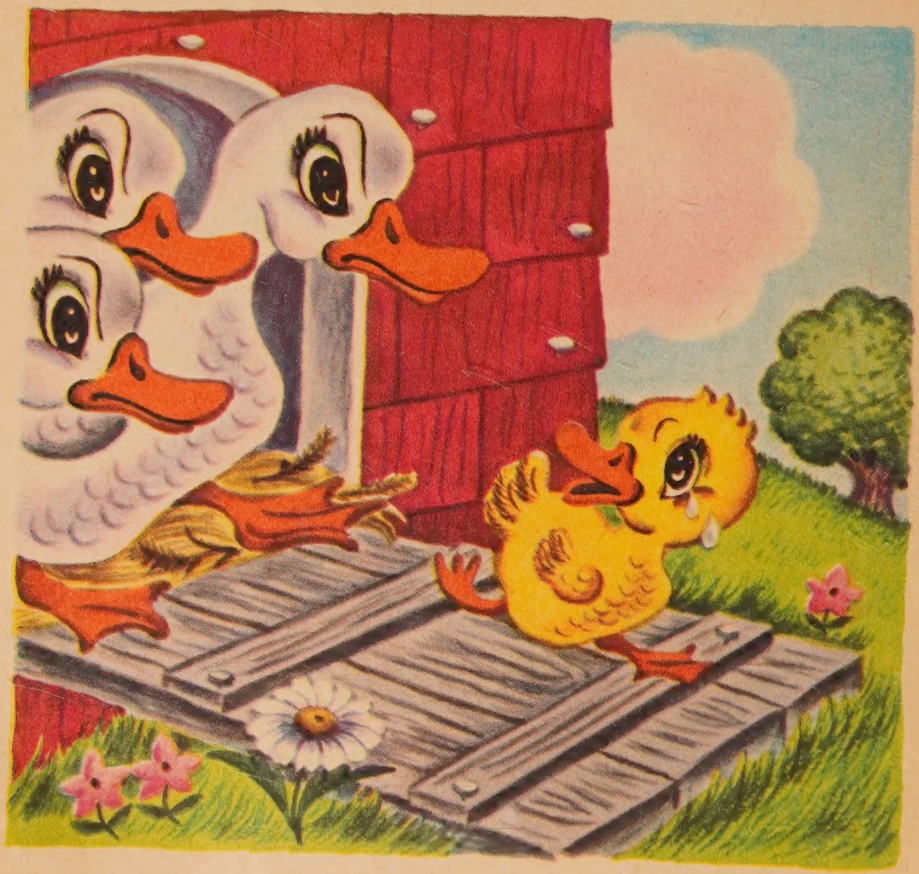


He started to quack
when he woke up,
and he said
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK
all day long.

Chatterduck said
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK
while he ate.

He said QUACK-QUACK-QUACK
while he swam.

He even said
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK
in his sleep, until–
The other ducks pushed him
right out of the duck house.



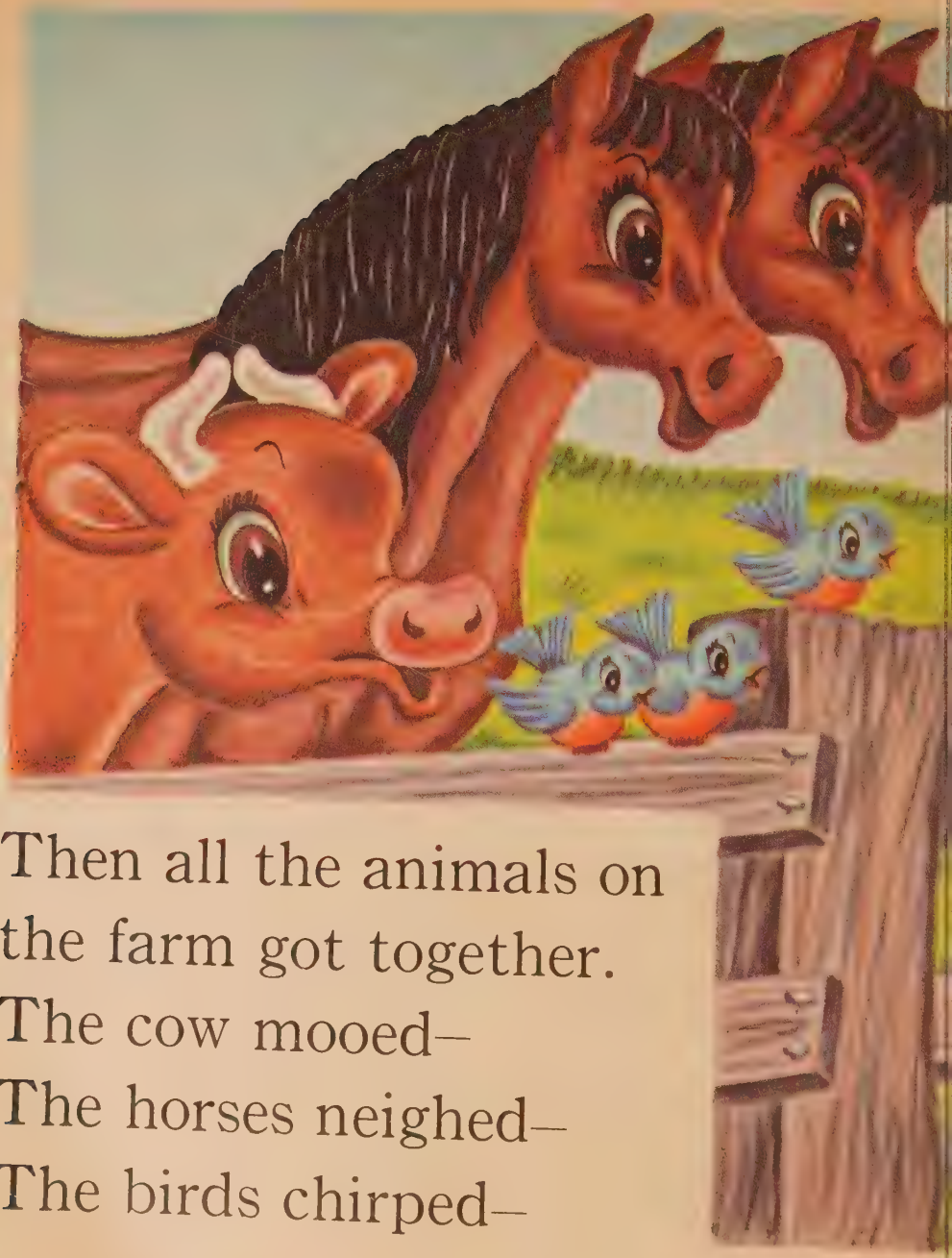
Poor Chatterduck
quacked himself
to sleep on a stump.

When he woke up
the next morning,
Chatterduck said
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK,
and he kept on
saying it all day.

The other ducks grew very tired of hearing Chatterduck say QUACK-QUACK-QUACK,

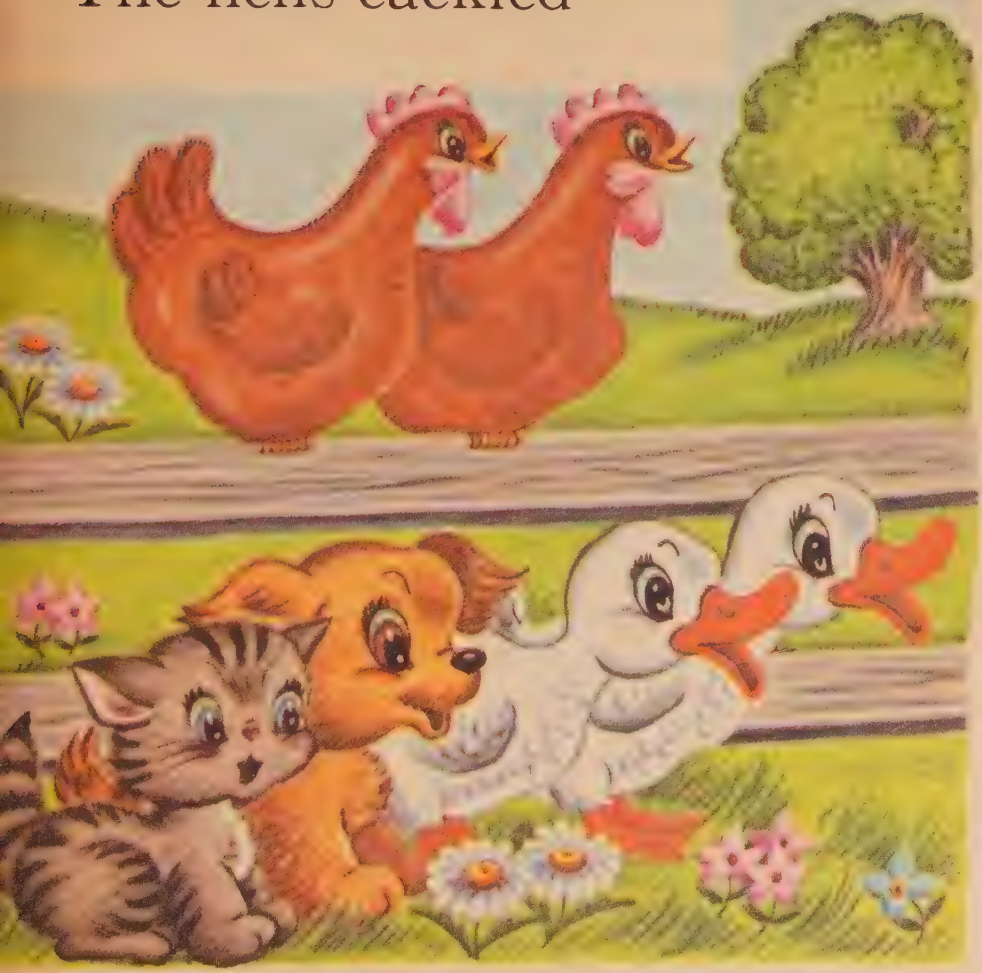
The cat was tired of it–
The dog was tired of it–
And so were the cows
and all the other animals.

But Chatterduck
wasn't tired of it.
He loved to say
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK!

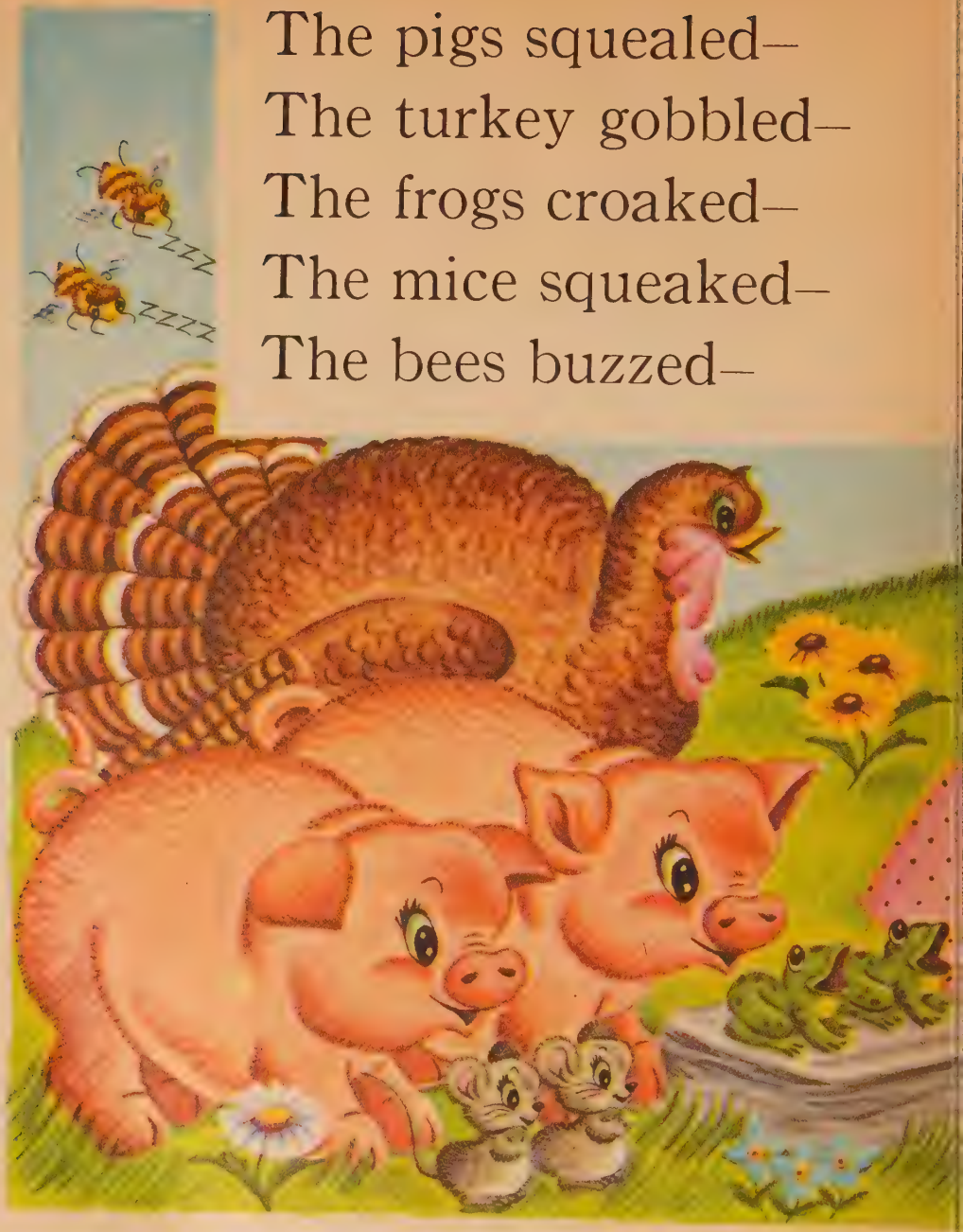


Then all the animals on
the farm got together.
The cow mooed–
The horses neighed–
The birds chirped–

The cat meowed–
The dog barked–
The ducks quacked–
The hens cackled–



The pigs squealed–
The turkey gobbled–
The frogs croaked–
The mice squeaked–
The bees buzzed–



The geese hissed–
And the farmer
and his wife
shouted BOO!

They made such
a tremendous noise
that everyone came running
from the village
to see what had happened.

But Chatterduck
didn't make a sound.
He just rushed to the woods
and hid his head in a hollow
log to get away from the noise.

After that day,
Chatterduck didn't like
noises much.
And he never, never said
QUACK-QUACK-QUACK again—

But when he had something
that was really worth
talking about–
He just said
QUACK.

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